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Broiler Hatchery



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This report contains the results from the **Weekly Broiler Hatchery Survey**. Thanks to all who responded.

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Broiler-Type Eggs Set in the United States Down 2 Percent

Hatcheries in the United States weekly program set 231 million eggs in incubators during the week ending May 23, 2020, down 2 percent from a year ago. Average hatchability for chicks hatched during the week in the United States was 82.3 percent. Average hatchability is calculated by dividing chicks hatched during the week by eggs set three weeks earlier.

Hatcheries in Alabama set 32.8 million eggs during the week ending May 23, 2020, up 5 percent from a year ago. Hatcheries in Georgia set 33.9 million eggs during the same week, down 4 percent from a year ago.

Broiler-Type Chicks Placed in the United States Down 5 Percent

Broiler growers in the United States weekly program placed 180 million chicks for meat production during the week ending May 23, 2020, down 5 percent from a year ago. Cumulative placements from the week ending January 4, 2020 through May 23, 2020 for the United States were 3.89 billion. Cumulative placements were down slightly from the same period a year earlier.

Broiler growers in Alabama placed 23.2 million chicks for meat production during the week ending May 23, 2020, down 1 percent from a year ago. Placements in Georgia totaled 25.9 million chicks, down 5 percent from a year ago.

Broiler-Type Eggs Set – Selected States and United States: 2020

State	Week ending						Percent of previous year
	April 18, 2020	April 25, 2020	May 2, 2020	May 9, 2020	May 16, 2020	May 23, 2020	
	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(percent)
Alabama	31,001	31,487	31,382	32,099	33,008	32,771	105
Florida	1,163	1,069	1,100	1,163	1,163	1,100	93
Georgia	34,012	33,558	33,732	34,229	34,324	33,924	96
South Carolina....	5,670	5,238	5,644	5,313	5,594	5,676	99
United States	223,188	214,705	222,944	229,851	231,876	231,112	98

Source: USDA National Agricultural Statistics Service, [Broiler Hatchery](#), May 27, 2020

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Alabama	23,345	21,672	22,203	23,456	23,208	23,167	99
Florida	1,238	1,299	1,442	1,325	1,295	1,267	102
Georgia	25,207	25,248	23,629	24,426	26,408	25,876	95
South Carolina....	3,663	4,097	4,616	5,290	4,668	4,654	87
United States	178,391	171,574	164,485	175,911	172,642	179,533	95

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Alabama	31,001	31,487	31,382	32,099	33,008	32,771
Arkansas	22,134	21,180	22,212	22,239	22,966	22,963
Delaware	4,477	3,814	3,591	4,917	5,024	5,091
Florida	1,163	1,069	1,100	1,163	1,163	1,100
Georgia	34,012	33,558	33,732	34,229	34,324	33,924
Kentucky	7,214	7,065	7,547	7,652	7,659	7,613
Louisiana	3,470	2,971	3,077	3,093	3,244	3,335
Maryland	7,838	8,059	8,020	8,080	8,100	8,034
Mississippi	16,921	16,877	16,746	16,758	16,986	17,433
Missouri	8,368	8,552	8,425	9,022	8,958	9,102
North Carolina	22,208	19,562	22,846	24,183	24,180	24,060
Oklahoma	6,698	6,911	7,060	6,805	6,751	7,492
Pennsylvania	6,094	6,262	5,853	6,175	6,117	6,119
South Carolina	5,670	5,238	5,644	5,313	5,594	5,676
Texas	17,529	15,167	16,748	17,832	17,662	17,058
Virginia	4,587	4,659	4,946	6,186	6,017	5,478
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia	12,461	11,360	12,808	12,282	12,756	12,603
Other States	11,343	10,914	11,207	11,823	11,367	11,260
United States	223,188	214,705	222,944	229,851	231,876	231,112
Percent of previous year	95	92	96	99	99	98

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Alabama	23,345	21,672	22,203	23,456	23,208	23,167
Arkansas	20,140	19,814	18,746	20,481	19,269	20,908
Delaware	5,155	4,073	2,975	4,171	3,661	4,297
Florida	1,238	1,299	1,442	1,325	1,295	1,267
Georgia	25,207	25,248	23,629	24,426	26,408	25,876
Kentucky	5,890	5,965	5,479	5,770	5,473	6,592
Louisiana	2,403	2,018	2,303	2,526	2,477	2,580
Maryland	5,634	3,853	3,150	4,444	4,939	4,510
Mississippi	14,296	14,396	13,558	14,162	14,233	14,043
Missouri	5,472	4,904	5,550	4,971	5,368	5,784
North Carolina	19,292	17,739	16,260	17,635	16,362	19,994
Oklahoma	4,350	4,508	4,705	4,431	4,286	3,430
Pennsylvania	4,469	4,443	4,354	4,376	4,461	4,114
South Carolina	3,663	4,097	4,616	5,290	4,668	4,654
Texas	13,805	13,599	13,140	13,998	12,731	14,200
Virginia	4,385	4,696	4,377	4,370	4,945	4,716
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia	10,772	11,073	9,900	11,195	9,831	10,587
Other States	8,875	8,177	8,098	8,884	9,027	8,814
United States	178,391	171,574	164,485	175,911	172,642	179,533
Percent of previous year	95	92	87	92	91	95

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